

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners **Minutes**

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – September 8, 2015

Commission Chair Jeremiah Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the main firehouse.

Present: G. Bland, J. Mahoney, P. Christian, R. Trowbridge, R. Quagliaroli, R. Gemme, Chief Flynn and observers.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report

Mahoney motioned, Quagliaroli seconded to approve the August minutes to state: "After returning to regular session, the Commission and the Chief agreed that time spend by the Chief as an instructor at the Fire Academy during regular business hours shall be done using the Chief's vacation time." The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The Commission reviewed year to date financials. Christian moved, Quagliaroli seconded to approve as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Calls & Activities

The Commission reviewed the report for August.

Old Business

- Volunteer Points System – Chief Flynn distributed the proposed policy for this program. Discussion followed.
- Dispatch – Chief Flynn reported on a meeting with town dispatchers last week. Procedural issues were discussed.

New Business

- September 12 Duty Crew – due to the wedding of one of our firefighters, coverage is needed for September 12 shifts. A group of volunteers has stepped up to cover the openings so that regular crew can attend the wedding.
- Technology Project –Chief Flynn distributed information on Proposed Mobile Data Terminals. Seven iPad's would be purchased and mounted in engines to assist with navigation, identifying fire hydrants, etc. He would like to pay for this project out of the Bereavement Fund. Gemme motioned, Trowbridge **seconded to spend up to \$10,000 out of the Bereavement Fund towards the purchase of seven iPads for this project.** Discussion followed. Commissioner Christian asked if we could wait until next year and add this to our budget proposal. Chief Flynn responded that this purchase would increase our budget by 5%. By purchasing the iPads out of the Bereavement Fund and adding the monthly costs of the program into next year's budget, the budget would only increase by 1%. The motion passed with Quagliaroli abstaining.

Chief's Report

- Brakes on the rescue truck have been repaired.
- Stations are all in good shape.
- Report on the drill held at Walker Correctional Facility
- Chief met with career staff to discuss operational needs. He plans to meet with volunteers also.

Chairman's Report

None

Personnel

None

Fire Marshal's Report

None

Executive Session

Christian moved, Quagliaroli seconded to enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Christian moved, Mahoney seconded to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Quagliaroli moved, Gemme seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Bland
Secretary

GB/ajk